have been received from various State Governments. However, there is wide divergence in the views amongst the States in this regard. In general, while the advanced States have sought higher weightage for performance, the less advanced States have sought higher weightage for backwardness. Hence, the full Planning Commission in its meeting held on 27th and 29th June, 2001 discussed, *inter-alia*, the issue of revision of Gadgil Formula and in view of the divergence of the views among the State Governments and the sensitivity of the issue, it was decided that it would be necessary to discuss this further and evolve a consensus before alternatives are considered by the NDC.

Reforms for creation of ten million jobs

993. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Planning Commission panel has recommended drastic reforms in the areas of marketing, training and credit in non-corporate and agricultural sector to fulfil Prime Minister's directive of creative ten million extra jobs annually in ten years; and

(b) if so, the details of the reforms and the action taken/being taken in pursuance thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) A Task force on Employment Opportunities, set up by the Planning Commission, gave detailed recommendations in the area of marketing, training, etc. for creation of 10 million additional jobs annually in the next 10 years. A copy of the report is available in the Parliament Library.

The recommendations of the Task Force were made in a medium term perspective of ten years and covered a wide range of policy reforms to be undertaken. These recommendations have subsequently been examined by a Special Group (Special Group on Targeting Ten Million Employment Opportunities per year over the Tenth Plan period) set up to suggest strategies for the Tenth Plan period. The report of the Special Group has been forwarded to Central Ministries/Departments and State Governments and a copy is also placed in Parliament Library.